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May 16, 2005

Mr. Charles Terreni Chief Clerk of the Commission Public Service Commission of South Carolina Post Office Drawer 11649 Columbia, South Carolina 29211

Re:

Generic Proceeding to Investigate Emergency Services Continuity Plans

Docket No. 2005-100-C

Dear Mr. Terreni:

Enclosed for filing are an original and ten copies of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.'s Petition to Intervene in the above-referenced matter.

By copy of this letter, I am serving all parties of record with a copy of the petition as indicated on the attached Certificate of Service.

Sincerely,

Patrick W. Turner

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cc: All Parties of Record

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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Pursuant to S. C. Code Regs. 103-836 and in compliance with the Notice of Generic Proceeding issued on April 19, 2005, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") respectfully petitions the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("the Commission") for permission to intervene as a formal party of record in the above-captioned proceeding. In support of this Petition, BellSouth shows as follows:

- 1. BellSouth is a public utility presently providing comprehensive telecommunications services to its subscribers pursuant to intrastate tariffs approved by the Commission.
 - 2. BellSouth's authorized representative in this proceeding is:

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3. BellSouth has an interest in, and could be affected by, the Commission's rulings in this proceeding.

4. BellSouth has not yet fully developed its position in this proceeding.

5. Granting BellSouth's Petition will not cause any undue delay.

6. BellSouth reserves the right to testify and present evidence at the hearing in this proceeding. At this time, BellSouth does not know how much time would be required for such presentation.

WHEREFORE, based on the foregoing, BellSouth requests the following relief:

1. that it be allowed to intervene as a formal party of record in this proceeding by this Commission's granting its Petition to Intervene;

2. that any parties of record be directed to provide BellSouth with a copy of any pleadings, testimony and exhibits or any other filings made in this proceeding; and

that the Commission grant such other relief as it deems just and proper.
 Respectfully submitted on this 16th day of May, 2005.

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| |) | CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE |
| COUNTY OF RICHLAND |) | |

The undersigned, Nyla M. Laney, hereby certifies that she is employed by the Legal Department for BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") and that she has caused BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.'s Petition to Intervene in Docket No. 2005-100-C to be served upon the following this May 16, 2005:

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